



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. BOX 2903
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402-0903

COPY MAILED

APR 28 2005

In re Application of
Takashi Shigetomi et al
Application No. 10/077,552
Filed: February 14, 2002
Attorney Docket No. 8694.44USD1

OFFICE OF PETITIONS
ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 4, 2005 which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed September 16, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 17, 2004.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision reviving the above-identified application, the above-identified application is again abandoned in favor of continuing application number 11/067,082.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy